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“We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt.”
--Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL EXEGESIS

“Speaking last Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio, President Obama asked, ‘How do we, over the long term, get control of our deficit?’ Good question. Here’s the answer suggested by last Thursday’s semi-annual budget summary from the Congressional Budget Office: Stop spending so much. CBO’s mid-year review largely reinforces the bad news we already knew -- to wit, that spending has exploded since Democrats took over Congress in 2007, first with the acquiescence of George W. Bush and then into hyperdrive after Mr. Obama entered the White House. To appreciate the magnitude of this spending blowout, compare CBO’s budget ‘baseline’ estimate in January 2008 with the baseline it released Thursday. The baseline predicts future spending based on the law at the time. ... In a mere 31 months Congress has added more than \$4.4 trillion to the 10-year spending baseline. ... As recently as 2005, *total* federal spending was only \$2.47 trillion. Keep that \$4.4 trillion in mind the next time you hear Mr. Obama or Speaker Nancy Pelosi say they ‘inherited’ this budget mess. Let’s assume the recession that Mr. Obama inherited -- Mrs. Pelosi was already in power -- was responsible for causing \$1 trillion or so in deficit spending. That still doesn’t explain why the annual deficit of roughly \$1.4 trillion will be nearly as high in fiscal 2010, after a year of economic growth, as it was in 2009. Or why CBO says the deficit will still be nearly \$1.1 trillion in 2011 even if *all* of the Bush-era tax cuts are repealed. The deficit is barely declining because of the lackluster economic recovery, which continues to yield too little revenue, and especially because of the record levels of spending passed by the Democratic Congress and eagerly signed by Mr. Obama.” --The Wall Street Journal

INSIGHT

“Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy.” --British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

“Those who have been intoxicated with power ... can never willingly abandon it.” --British statesman Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

“Everything is changing. People are taking the comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.” --American humorist Will Rogers (1879-1935)

UPRIGHT

“On Thursday the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced the federal budget deficit for 2010 will exceed \$1.3 trillion. This is already on the heels of a 2009 budget deficit of \$1.2 trillion and on top of a national debt of some \$13.3 trillion. The word ‘trillion’ seems to have, almost overnight, crept into our standard economic parlance and by the looks of it is here to stay. And with the CBO’s forecast of more than \$6 trillion in federal budget deficits accruing over the next nine years from 2010 to 2019, many are logically wondering if the United States has effectively crossed, or is fast approaching, a virtual economic point of no return -- an economic Rubicon if you will.” --columnist Matt O’Connor

“[P]rogressively over these three decades the Republican party has exempted every material component of the budget from cuts, including middle-class entitlements, defense, veterans, education, housing, farm subsidies, and even Amtrak! Like Casey, the GOP has been in the anti-spending batter’s box for 30 years, and has never stopped whiffing the ball. The final proof is that the one GOP spending cut plan with any integrity -- the ‘roadmap’ of Congressman Paul Ryan -- has the grand sum of 13 co-sponsors, and I dare say half would call in sick if it ever came to a vote.” --former Reagan budget director David Stockman

“Why isn’t the economy recovering? After previous recessions, unemployment didn’t get stuck at close to 10 percent. If left alone, the economy can and does heal itself, as the mistakes of the previous inflationary boom are corrected. The problem today is that the economy is not being left alone. Instead, it is haunted by uncertainty on a hundred fronts. When rules are unintelligible and unpredictable, when new workers are potential threats because of Labor Department regulations, businesses have little confidence to hire. President Obama’s vaunted legislative record not only left entrepreneurs with the burden of bigger government, it also makes it impossible for them to accurately estimate the new burden. In at least three big areas -- health insurance, financial regulation and taxes -- no one can know what will happen.” --columnist John Stossel

“[T]he conviction that government no longer works for the majority of Americans is spreading like wildfire. That nearly all of President Obama’s major policies have gone against public will is fueling voter anger across the nation.” --columnist Michael Goodwin

“Most elected officials cling to their ideological biases, despite the real-world facts that disprove their theories time and again. Most have no common sense, and most never acknowledge that they were wrong.” --economist Lawrence Kudlow

THE DEMO-GOGUES

Analogy rerun: “Imagine our economy is a car. And these guys, I don’t know what they [Republicans] were doing. I don’t know whether they were on their BlackBerry while they were driving, or they were doing something else irresponsible. They drive it into the ditch. And so me [sic] and Sherrod and Mary Jo and Steve and Ted and a whole bunch of folks, we’re all putting our boots on, and we go down into the ditch. And it’s muddy down there, and it’s hot, and there are bugs swirling around. And we’re pushing on the car, trying to get it out of the ditch, putting our shoulder -- shoving it, pushing it.” --Barack Obama (*Maybe if they had called a private towing company...*)

If he does say so himself: “After 18 months, I have never been more confident that our nation is headed in the right direction.” --Barack Obama on the economy

“We have three months to go [before the election] and so [Republicans have] decided we can politick for three months. They’ve forgotten I know how to politick pretty good.” --Barack Obama

The BIG Lie: “It’s a Wall Street tax cut, not a Main Street tax cut.” --Vice President Joe Biden on the expiring Bush tax cuts

Ring endorsement: “My dad was an automobile man, he said ‘Joey there is good paying jobs there.’ I went and applied for a job on the third shift. Had they hired me, I’d be a proud UAW member and you would be in real good luck -- I wouldn’t be vice president.” --Joe Biden in Toledo, Ohio

Semantics: “I’m not supposed to call it stimulus. The message experts in Washington have told us that we’re supposed to call it the recovery plan. I’m puzzled by that. Most people would rather be stimulated than recover.” --Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA)

DEZINFORMATSIA

All mosque, all the time: “We turn now over the debate of the proposed Islamic center and mosque near Ground Zero. Opponents say that it’s just too close to the site of the 9/11 attacks, though it cannot be seen from there. It took an ABC News producer two minutes and 45 seconds to walk from Ground Zero to the site of the proposed center. But the controversy has raised profound questions about religious tolerance and prejudice in the United States.” --ABC’s Christiane Amanpour (*Wow -- two minutes. Did he have to make a rest stop?*)

“There is a debate to be had about the sensitivity of building this center so close to Ground Zero. But we can not let fear and rage tear down the towers of our core American values.” --CBS’s Katie Couric

“Is there any reason to oppose the mosque that isn’t bigoted, or demagogic, or unconstitutional? None that I’ve heard or read.” --Michael Kinsley, editor at large of The Atlantic

“Time reports on moments of bigotry and injustice.” --CNN.com caption comparing Father Charles Coughlin’s defense of the Nazis to opposition to the Ground Zero mosque

Because they can’t be trusted with their own opinions: “For the families of the victims of 9/11, whatever emotions they want to have, I respect and I honor. But somebody needs to lead them through a discussion [about the mosque].” --Time magazine’s Mark Halperin

Newspulper Headlines:

‘I Was Not Commenting, and I Will Not Comment, on the Wisdom of Making the Decision to Put a Mosque There’: “Happy National Waffle Day!” --SeriousEats.com

We Blame Global Warming: “Rallies Over Mosque Near Ground Zero Get Heated” --Associated Press

It’s Al Gore’s Fault!: “Bob Schieffer Blames Internet for Americans Believing Obama Is Muslim” --NewsBusters.org

Questions Nobody Is Asking: “Why Does the WSJ’s Taranto Think He’s Better Than Everyone Else?” --MediaMatters.org

News You Can Use: “Final Word: Always Wear Under-

wear, Especially Now” --USA Today

Everything Seemingly Is Spinning Out of Control:
“Obama’s on a Winning Streak” --Asbury Park (NJ) Press

Bottom Stories of the Day: “Women Despair Over Men’s
Toilet Habits” --Independent (London)

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VILLAGE IDIOTS

Victimitis: “We are deeply concerned, because this is like a metastasized antisemitism. It’s beyond Islamophobia. It’s hate of Muslims.” --Daisy Khan, wife of Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, leader of the planned Ground Zero mosque

Constitutional law 101: “Any talk of amending the Constitution is just wrong.” --Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano responding to Republicans calling for changing the 14th Amendment to prevent automatic citizenship for anchor babies of illegal aliens (*This is rich coming from this administration. Of course, they don’t want to amend the Constitution; they just want to ignore it completely.*)

The problem is scribbling outside the constitutional lines: “What may be missing from the White House is a clear and convincing narrative into which all the various initiatives neatly fit, so that the public can make sense of everything that’s done. ... [Republicans are] connecting the dots in a way that has hurt the administration and harms Democrats. Obama needs to connect the dots in a way that explains to the public what he’s done and where he’s taking the nation.” --Robert Reich, former Clintonista Labor Secretary, on Democrats’ sagging poll numbers

Trust us: “I’d bet money on the Senate for sure. The House is much tougher. I think at the end of the day we’re gonna win in the House, and we’re going to have a major-

ity, it will probably be reduced to many -- perhaps as small as a five or 10-seat majority. We simply have better candidates.” --the ever delusional Howard Dean

SHORT CUTS

“The ‘Summer of Recovery’ is looking more and more like the Beltway Chainsaw Massacre for America’s workers. ... Taxpayers need a full, transparent accounting of how many jobs Team Obama has destroyed. Call it Wreckovery.gov.” --columnist Michelle Malkin

“Obama’s middle initials should be O.P.M., as in ‘Other People’s Money.’ He spends trillions relentlessly. And none of it is his money.” --columnist Deroy Murdock

“Another Sunday, another missed opportunity for President Obama to prove to America he’s not a Muslim. But instead of attending church services at one of the dozens and dozens of quaint, island Christian churches [Sunday] morning, the commander in chief hit Our Lady of the Fairways, aka the Vineyard Golf Club, yet again, to play 18.” --columnists Gayle Fee & Laura Raposa

“Another fact that refutes the claims that anti-Obama sentiment is race-based is that his personal approval numbers are significantly higher than those regarding his policies. Feeling as I do about his character, I’m at a loss to explain the dichotomy, but perhaps a lot of people can’t help but empathize with his pathetic efforts on the golf course.” --columnist Burt Prelutsky

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